

**SOREX DZINEZUMI TEMMINCK, [1844] (MAMMALIA,
INSECTIVORA); PROPOSED USE OF THE PLENARY
POWERS TO RULE A CORRECT ORIGINAL SPELLING.
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Crocidura dzinezumi, a common species of shrew in Japan, has been consistently named thus and dated from Temminck, 1844, since its first description, except for its earlier allocation to the genus *Sorex* (in which it was first described), and its treatment as a subspecies of *Crocidura russula* (Hermann, 1780) by Ellerman & Morrison-Scott (1951, *Checklist of Palaearctic and Indian Mammals, 1758–1946* (London): 79).

2. Mazak (1967, *Mammalia* vol. 31: 537–573) has demonstrated that Temminck's *Aperçu général et spécifique sur les Mammifères qui habitent le Japon* (in Siebold, *Fauna Japonica*) was published in two parts: pp. 1–24, pls. 1–10 on [11 Feb. 1843]; pp. 25–59, pls. 11–20 on [18 Dec. 1844]. The species with which we are concerned was illustrated in Part 1 (pl. 5, fig. 3) under the name *Sorex kenezumi*, and (pl. 6, figs. c, c) under the name *Sorex kinczumi*. The description was published in Part 2 (: 26) under the name *Sorex Dzinezumi*, with the following footnote: "Portée par erreur sur la planche 5 fig. 3 sous le nom de Kinezumi; et le crâne pl. 4 fig. c, c sous le nom de Kinczumi". Temminck thus makes it clear that he intended the name to be spelled *dzinezumi*, and it is this intention that has been respected by subsequent authors (those prior to Mazak's work would not have been aware that there was a question of priority involved). The spellings *kinezumi* and *kinczumi* appear never to have been used as valid names.

3. The spelling *dzinezumi* has been used consistently, for example by the following authors:

Crocidura dzinezumi: Imaizumi, 1957, *J. mammal. Soc. Japan*, vol. 1: 62; 1960, *Coloured illustrations of the mammals of Japan* (Osaka): 25; 1970, *Handbook of Japanese land mammals*, vol. 1 (Tokyo): 179

Crocidura russula dzinezumi: Ellerman & Morrison-Scott, 1951: 79

Crocidura dzi-nezumi: Aoki, 1913, *Annals zool. Japan*, vol. 8: 272; Kuroda, 1940, *Monograph of the Japanese mammals* (Tokyo and Osaka): 180; Sowerby, A. de C., 1943, *Note Mamm.*

Mus. Heude, vol. 1: 11; Tezuka, 1956, *J. mamm. Soc. Japan*, vol. 1: 40-41

Crocidura russula dzi-nezumi: Kuroda, 1957, *J. mamm. Soc. Japan*, vol. 1: 73.

4. The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is therefore asked:

(1) To use its plenary powers to rule that the spelling *dzinezumi* Temminck, 1844, as published in the binomen *Sorex dzinezumi*, is to be deemed the correct original spelling of the name of the species figured by Temminck in 1843 with the names *Sorex kinezumi* and *Sorex kinczumi*;

(2) to place the specific name *dzinezumi* Temminck, 1844, as published in the binomen *Sorex dzinezumi* (deemed by the ruling under the plenary powers in (1) to be a correct original spelling) on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology;

(3) to place the names *kinezumi* Temminck, 1843, and *kinczumi* Temminck, 1843, as published in binominal combinations with the generic name *Sorex* (deemed to be incorrect original spellings in consequence of the ruling under the plenary powers in (1) above) on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.